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PONCE, P. R., *August 18, 1902.*

SIR: Through the chief quarantine officer for Porto Rico, I have the honor to transmit herewith the quarantine and abstract of bills of health reports for the week ended August 16, 1902. Also the report of deaths in the city during the month of July, 1902. During the week 2 vessels were inspected and passed and 5 bills of health were issued. The sanitary condition of the city remains without change. No quarantinable disease is reported.

Respectfully,

W. W. KING,  
*Assistant Surgeon.*

The SURGEON-GENERAL.

*Mortality statistics—Number and causes of deaths in Ponce jurisdiction (city, playa, and surrounding country) during the month of July, 1902.*

PONCE, P. R., *August 18, 1902.*

|                                                      |    |                        |     |
|------------------------------------------------------|----|------------------------|-----|
| Diseases of—                                         |    |                        |     |
| Digestive system .....                               | 63 | Cancer .....           | 2   |
| Respiratory system.....                              | 8  | Hepatitis.....         | 2   |
| Circulatory system .....                             | 8  | Metritis.....          | 1   |
| Nervous system.....                                  | 12 | Pernicious fever ..... | 3   |
| Anæmia, malnutrition, inanition.....                 | 17 | Tetanus .....          | 1   |
| Malaria .....                                        | 15 | Wounds.....            | 1   |
| Tuberculosis.....                                    | 8  |                        |     |
| Rachitis.....                                        | 3  | Total.....             | 145 |
| Number of deaths reported during July, 1902 (a)..... |    |                        | 145 |
| Number of deaths reported during July, 1901 (a)..... |    |                        | 107 |
| Number of births reported during July, 1902 (a)..... |    |                        | 134 |
| Number of births reported during July, 1901 (a)..... |    |                        | 139 |

a These figures are for the city proper, the playa, and surrounding district of Ponce, P. R.

*Summary of transactions of service during the month of July, 1902.*

PONCE, P. R., *August 1, 1902.*

|                                                                         |     |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----|
| Total number of vessels inspected during July, 1902.....                | 13  |
| Total number of vessels inspected during July, 1901.....                | 11  |
| Total number of bills of health issued during July, 1902.....           | 23  |
| Total number of bills of health issued during July, 1901.....           | 22  |
| Number of passengers inspected during July, 1902 (incoming).....        | 120 |
| Number of passengers inspected during July, 1902 (in transit) .....     | 529 |
| Number of crew inspected during July, 1902.....                         | 574 |
| Number of vessels in quarantine during July, 1902.....                  | 3   |
| Number of immigrants inspected during July, 1902.....                   | 59  |
| Rejections.....                                                         | 0   |
| Number of pieces of baggage disinfected during July, 1902.....          | 98  |
| Number of pieces of baggage inspected and passed during July, 1902..... | 66  |
| Number of sacks of mail disinfected during July, 1902.....              | 5   |
| Number of vaccinated.....                                               | 3   |
| Number passed on previous vaccination.....                              | 10  |

*Inspection of immigrants at Ponce for the week ended August 9, 1902.*

PONCE, P. R., *August 11, 1902.*

SIR: Through the chief quarantine officer for Porto Rico, I submit herewith report of alien steerage passengers at this port during the week ended August 9, 1902. August 3, French steamship *Salvador*, from Fort de France and St. Thomas, with 14 immigrants.

Respectfully,

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